

Oglethorpe County Long Range Transportation Study

Kickoff and Stakeholder Advisory
Committee Meeting

April 16, 2013



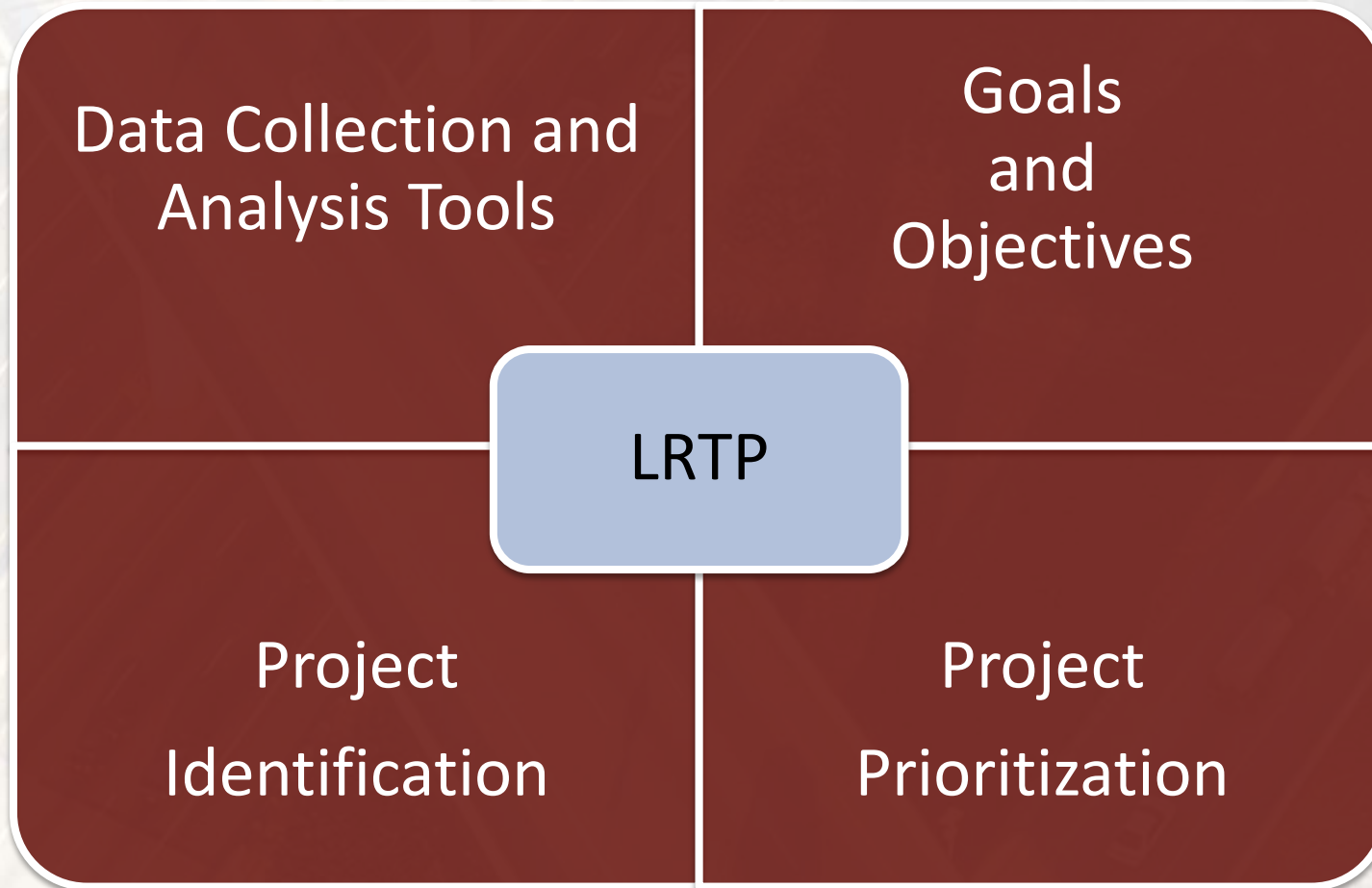
AGENDA

- Purpose of the Plan
- Study Overview
- Study Schedule
- Stakeholder and Public Outreach
- Data Collection
- Study Goals and Objectives
- Stakeholder Input
- Next Steps

WHY DEVELOP A TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

- Ensure that Oglethorpe County and its municipalities are able to meet the current and future mobility needs of residents and businesses
- Ensure transportation priorities match community priorities
- Coordinate with other planning efforts
- Develop a listing of tiered transportation projects
- Early identification of funding issues and opportunities

STUDY OVERVIEW – PLAN COMPONENTS



STUDY OVERVIEW - PLAN TASKS

- Collect Multi-Modal Data
- Review Existing Plans, Studies, and Projects
- Formulate Goals and Objectives
- Establish Evaluation Factors
- Analyze Existing Conditions
- Develop Travel Demand Model
- Analyze Future Conditions

Stakeholder and Public Outreach

STUDY OVERVIEW - PLAN TASKS

- Identify, Screen, and Prioritize Potential Improvements
- Provide Recommendations
- Develop Cost Estimates
- Discuss Financial Resources and Funding Options

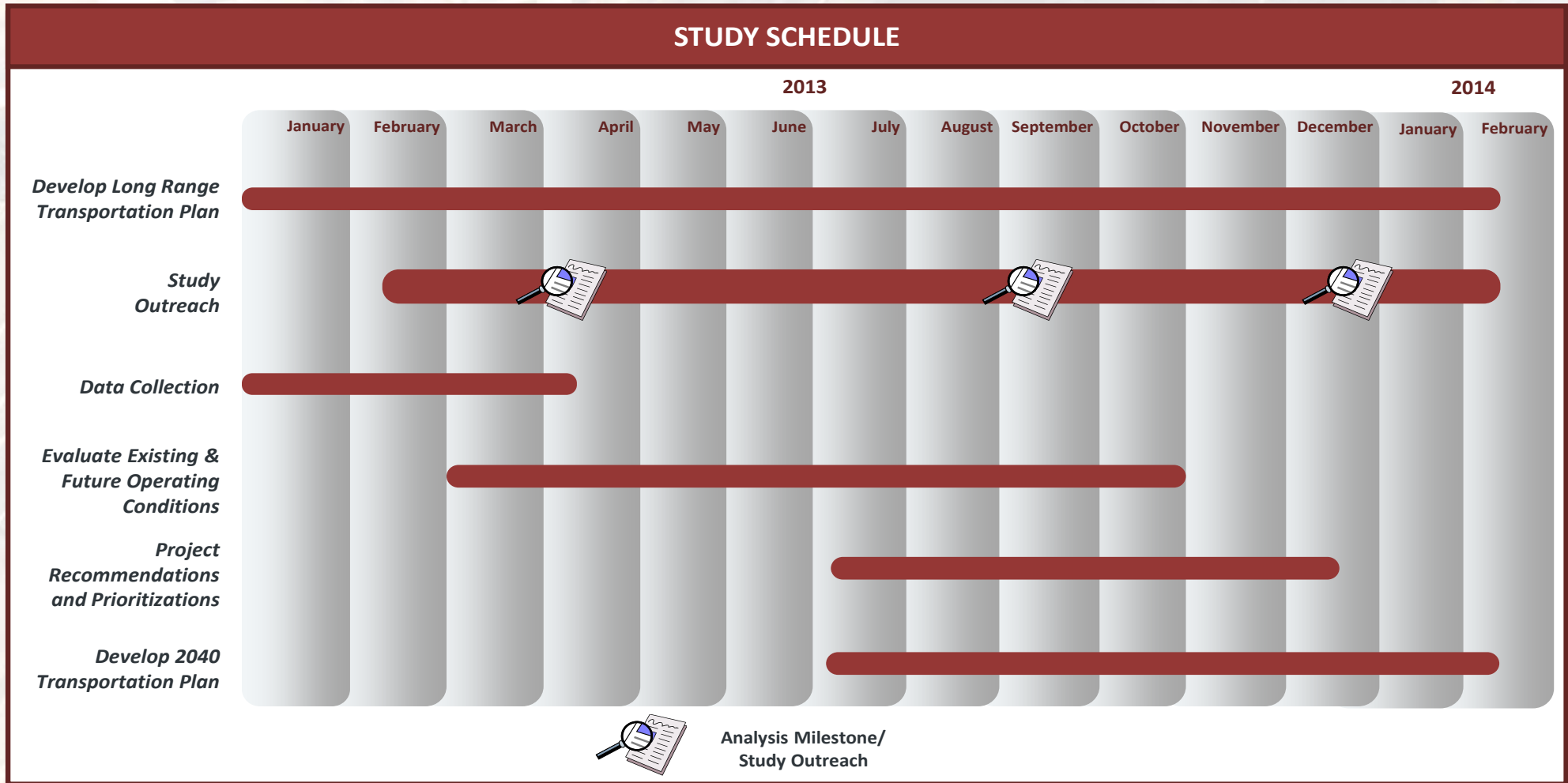
2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Stakeholder and Public Outreach



STUDY SCHEDULE

Study Development: January 2013 – December 2013
Final Documentation: December 2013 – February 2014



STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Stakeholder Advisory Group


- Fact Sheet

- Website

www.dot.ga.gov/oglethorpestudy

- Public Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OglethorpeCountyLRTP>

**FACT SHEET**

OGLETHORPE COUNTY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
FEBRUARY 2013

OGLETHORPE LRTP STUDY OVERVIEW

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is developing a multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Oglethorpe County, Georgia. The purpose of this study is to determine the current and future transportation needs through the year 2040 for the county and to develop projects that address identified needs and promote economic vitality and quality of life.

Much of Oglethorpe County is comprised of land that is characterized as rural, with low population and employment. Understanding this, the study will focus on small scale roadway improvements, such as passing lanes, intersection improvements, and paving projects as well as multimodal improvements (including public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian, rail and freight projects) that will serve the nature of the community while ensuring mobility into the future.

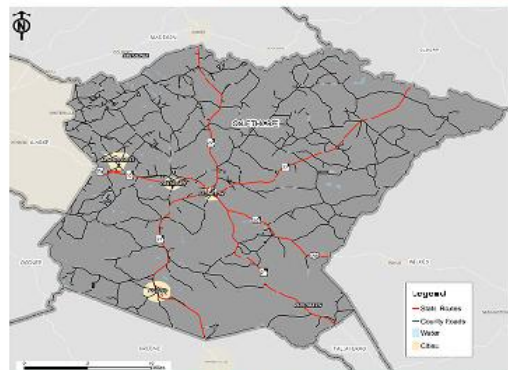
LRTP STUDY MILESTONES

Project Initiation	1st Quarter 2013
Stakeholder Coordination	Throughout
Development of Goals	2nd Quarter 2013
Public Survey	2nd Quarter 2013
Existing Conditions	2nd Quarter 2013
Future Conditions	3rd Quarter 2013
Environmental Analysis	3rd Quarter 2013
Recommendations	4th Quarter 2013
Final Report	1st Quarter 2014

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The success of the long range planning process depends on the involvement and input of local residents, employees, business owners, and community leaders. Public outreach activities will be scheduled at key milestones in the study process to gather feedback and input from the community. A project website is available to allow the public to obtain the latest study information, submit comments, and view project documents such as online surveys and presentations, as they are developed. Please visit the project website at:

www.dot.ga.gov/oglethorpestudy



Study Location Map

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For more information about the Oglethorpe County LRTP, please visit the project website at:
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STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

- Members Include
 - Municipalities
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Planning Agencies
 - Schools and Emergency Services
 - Business and Community Leaders
- Purpose
 - Refine study goals and objectives
 - Provide input at key study milestones

DATA COLLECTION

- Background Information and Previous/Ongoing Studies
- All Modes: Roads, Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Freight
- Crash History and Bridge Inventory
- Freight Movement
- Data to Support Travel Demand Model
 - Transportation Network
 - Population/Employment Data
 - Land Use Data

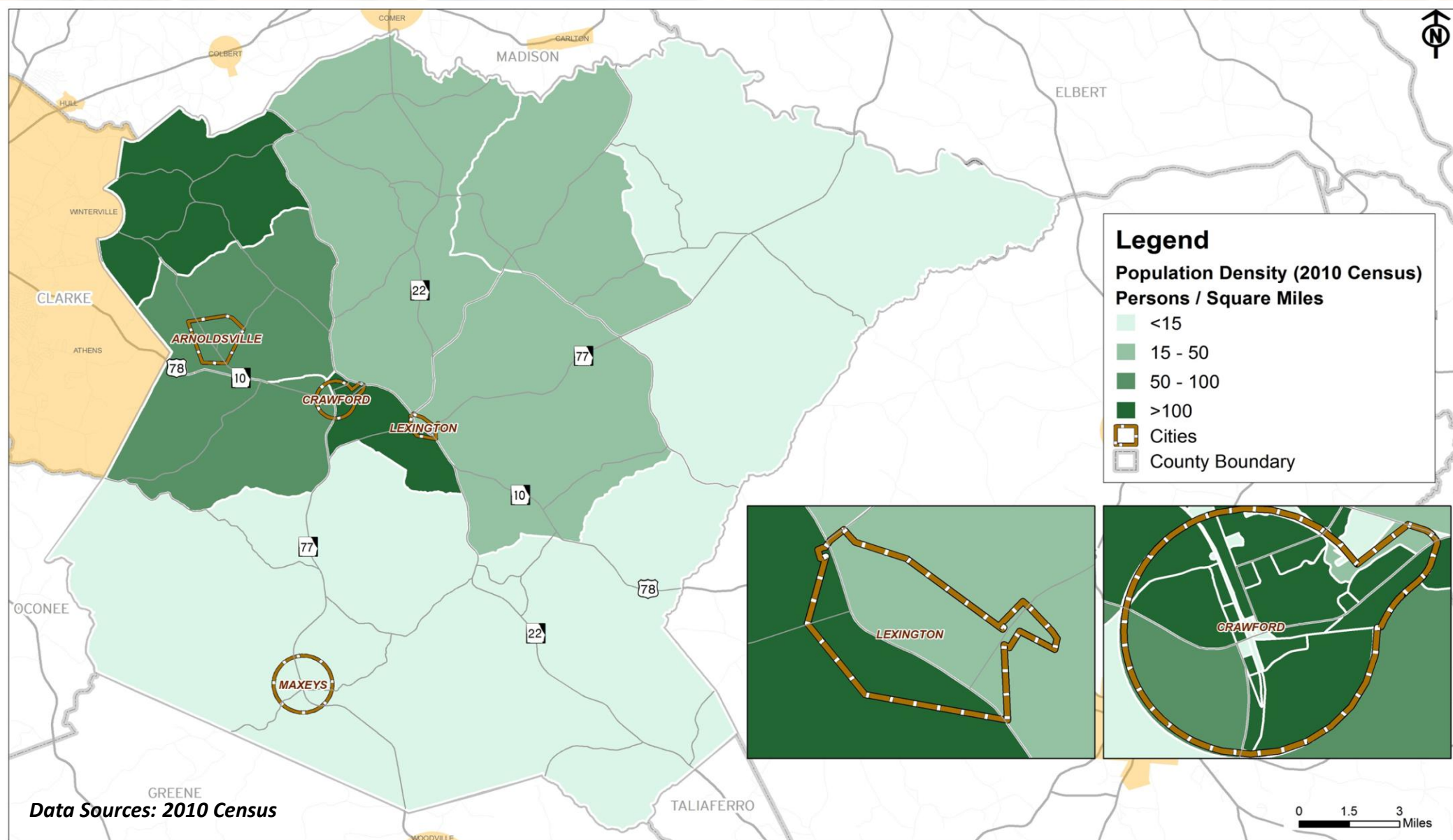
SOCIAL-ECONOMIC PROFILE

2000 TO 2010 COMPARISON

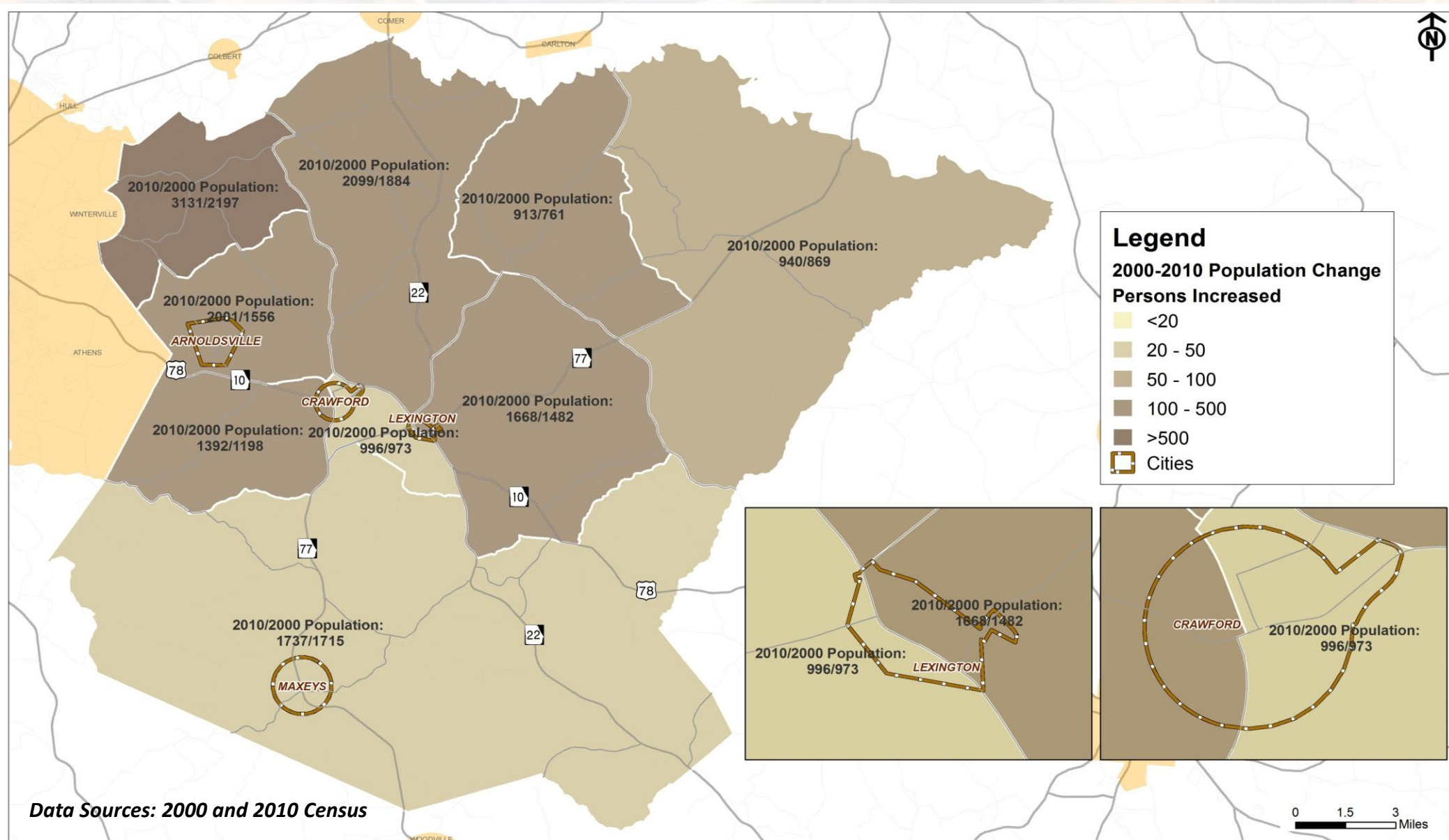
Demographics	2000		2010		Percentage Change (2000-2010)
	Counts	Percentage	Counts	Percentage	
Total Population	12,635	100%	14,899	100%	18%
• Persons 0 to 4 years	870	7%	877	6%	1%
• Persons 5 to 17 years	2,388	19%	2,678	18%	12%
• Persons 18 to 64 years	7,811	62%	9,230	62%	18%
• Senior, 65 years and over	1,566	12%	2,114	14%	35%
Households	4,849	100%	5,647	100%	17%

Data Sources: 2000 Census and 2010 Census

2010 POPULATION DENSITY

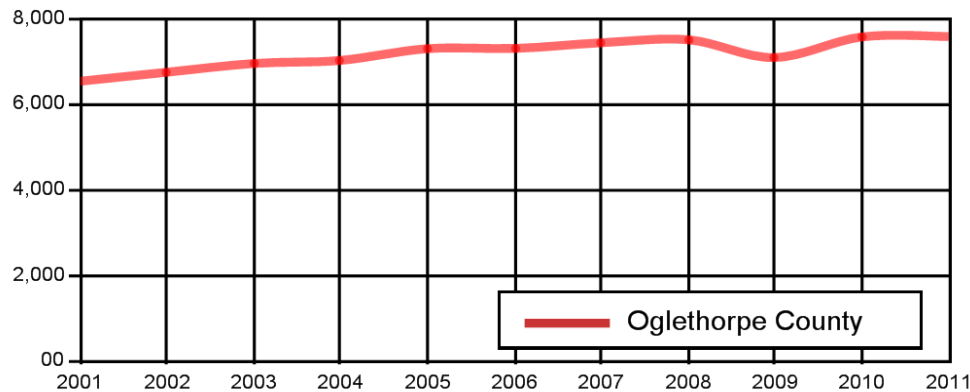


2000 - 2010 POPULATION CHANGE



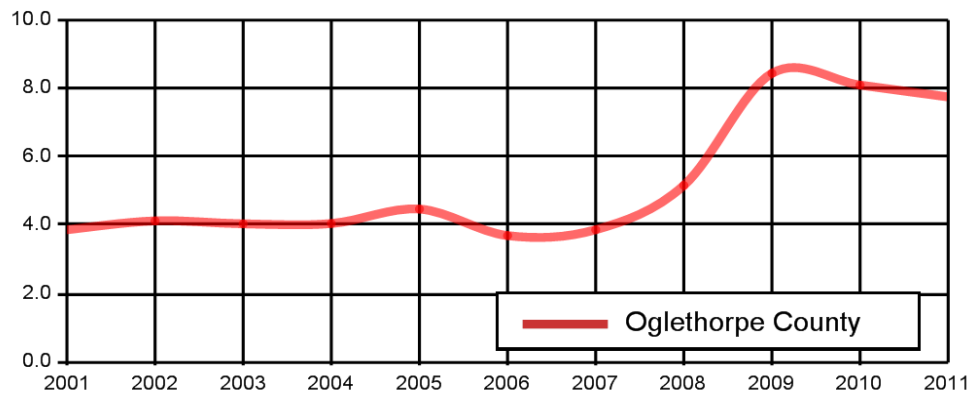
SOCIAL-ECONOMIC PROFILE (CONT'D)

Employment Trends



- Employment has remained constant over the past decade
- 2011 unemployment rate is slightly lower than statewide average of 9.8%
- Median Household Income has steadily Increased
 - \$32,499 in 1990 (\$29,943 in GA)
 - \$35,578 in 2000 (\$41,990 in GA)
 - \$39,319 in 2010 (\$47,659 in GA)

Unemployment Rate Trends



Data Sources:

Georgia Department of Labor, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Goals and Objectives



BACKGROUND – EXISTING GOALS

- Federal Surface Transportation Bill (2012)
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
 - Safety;
 - Infrastructure Condition;
 - Congestion Reduction;
 - System Reliability;
 - Freight Movement and Economic Vitality;
 - Environmental Sustainability; and
 - Reduced Project Delivery Delays.

BACKGROUND – EXISTING GOALS (CONT'D)

- Governor's Strategic Goals for Georgia (2012)
 - **Mobile**: Improving the movement of people and goods across and within the state, expanding GA's role as a major logistics hub, and leveraging public-private partnerships
 - **Growing**: Creating jobs and growing businesses
 - **Healthy**: Accessible care and active lifestyles
 - **Safe**: Protecting the public's safety and security by reducing injury and loss of life on Georgia's roads

BACKGROUND – EXISTING GOALS (CONT'D)

- Joint City-County Comprehensive Plan 2005-2025
 - Provide a ***safe, efficient, and effective*** transportation system that keeps pace with ***growth*** and integrates ***a variety of transportation modes*** to increase ***mobility*** options for all residents.

STUDY DRAFT GOALS

- Goal 1:
 - Preserve the County's ***rural, natural, and environmental-sensitive*** areas and enhance the character of the ***historic and existing communities*** in the County.
- Goal 2:
 - Optimize utilization of existing infrastructure and maintain a ***safe, reliable and efficient*** transportation network which will ***sustain economic activity and promote economic development***.
- Goal 3:
 - Promote ***environmental sustainability*** through the coordination of ***land use and transportation plans***.
- Goal 4:
 - Provide a range of ***mobility options*** and enhance ***health and quality of life*** for all residents.

Stakeholder Input



WE NEED YOUR INPUT

- Transportation issues
 - Traffic Issues
 - Safety Issues
 - Alignment Issues
 - Transit
 - Bicycles and Pedestrian
 - Operations/Maintenance

WE NEED YOUR INPUT (CONT'D)

- Desired Projects or Improvements
 - Maintain and Manage Current Facilities
 - Operational Improvements
 - Safety Improvements
 - Diversify Modes
 - Expand Existing Facilities
 - New Facilities
- High Growth and Development Areas
- Main Outcome of the Plan

Next Steps



NEXT STEPS

- Public Survey Distribution
- Development of the Travel Demand Model
 - Existing (2010)
 - Future (2040)
- Finalization of Goals and Objectives
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Future Conditions Analysis

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